

LAWRENCE K. WHITE

Colonel Lawrence K. White, USA (Ret), joined a predecessor organization of the Central Intelligence Agency in 1947 after combat wounds which he sustained in World War II prematurely brought to a close his military career. He was appointed Deputy Director (Support) in 1954 after serving in important executive capacities in the Agency.

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Colonel White was born in Union City, Tennessee in 1912. He was graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1933 and commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry. He served at various military posts in the United States and overseas. During World War II, he served as a Divisional Assistant Operations Officer and as Chief of Staff to the Commanding General of a special Task Force before assuming command in 1943 of the 148th Infantry Regiment operating in the South and Southwest Pacific theaters. Colonel White was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star Medal, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with bronze battle star, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with two bronze battle stars, and the Navy Commendation Ribbon.

He joined CIA as Deputy Chief of the Foreign Broadcast Information Service and was shortly thereafter made Chief of that activity. He held this position until 1950 when he became Deputy Chief of a larger element. His marked managerial ability led to his selection in 1952 as assistant to the Deputy Director for all administrative services and his later appointment in 1954 as Deputy Director (Support).

Colonel White and Elizabeth Jane Flint of St. Louis, Missouri were married in 1937. They have a daughter, two sons, and a grandson.

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